

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 and 39-57 are withdrawn. Claims 20-38 and 58-72 are pending.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

I. Restrictions Requirement

According to the Examiner, the following are three distinct inventions.

- I. Claims 1-19 and 58-72 drawn to a method for altering skin coloration comprising administering an interleukin, classified in class 514, subclass 2 for example.
- II. Claims 20-38 and 58-72 drawn to a method for altering skin coloration comprising administering a tumor necrosis factor, classified in class 514, subclass 2 for example.
- III. Claims 39-72, drawn to a method for altering skin coloration comprising administering an interferon, classified in class 514, subclass 2 for example.

In order to hasten the pending application to issuance, Applicant elects Group II, Claims 20-38 and 58-72, without traverse. Applicant, however, reserves the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention during the pendency of the present application.

II. Election of Species

According to the Examiner an election of Group II further requires Applicant to elect between the following species: TNF-alpha and TNF-beta. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.146, Applicant elects TNF-alpha without traverse.

Pending claims 20-38 and 58-72 are generic to TNF-alpha.

CONCLUSION

In light of the remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that they are entitled to a letters patent. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite the prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any question, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit account No. 23-2415 (Attorney Docket No. 30864-701.201) for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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